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SUBJECT: HARCOS/FLETCHER - CONTINGENCY PRESS GUIDANCE

REF: NEW DELHI 8810; CALCUTTA 9662

BASED ON INFORMATION CONTAINED CALCUTTA REFTEL, RPTD IN
NEW DELHI REFTEL, DEPARTMENT PLANS REPLY TO PRESS QUERIES
ON HARCOS/FLETCHER AS FOLLOWS:

QUESTION: DO YOU HAVE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE HEALTH
OF THE TWO AMERICANS IN JAIL IN CALCUTTA?

ANSWER: MR. HARCOS AND MR. FLETCHER WERE VISITED BY A REP-
RESENTATIVE OF OUR CONSULATE GENERAL IN CALCUTTA ON JULY 2.
AT THAT TIME BOTH APPEARED WELL. THEY ARE ON A HUNGER
STRIKE, BUT WE UNDERSTAND THEY ARE DRINKING TEA WITH SUGAR
FIVE TIMES A DAY.

QUESTION: WHAT ABOUT THE STATUS OF THEIR CASES?

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ANSWER, PRE-TRIAL PROCEEDINGS HAVE BEGUN IN CALCUTTA.

THEIR DEFENSE ATTORNEYS HAVE PUBLICLY STATED THEY WERE
ENGAGED IN DRUG SMUGGLING.

QUESTION: CAN YOU CONFIRM THAT THEY ARE GOING TO BE CHARGED
WITH DRUG SMUGGLING?

ANSWER: AS WE HAVE REPEATEDLY SAID WE CANNOT COMMENT ON
ANY CHARGES WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN MADE PUBLIC, BUT THEIR
LAWYERS HAVE SAID THEY WERE ENGAGED IN DRUG SMUGGLING. I
HAVE NOTHING MORE TO SAY ON THE CASE AT THIS TIME. SISCO

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